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## **SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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5,807,861 (Klein et al.). In response to these rejections, Applicants have concurrently filed herewith an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer of the above-identified patents. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections are overcome and should be withdrawn.

### CONCLUSION

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. If anything further could be done to place the above-captioned patent application in better condition for allowance (i.e., via Examiner's Amendment), then please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

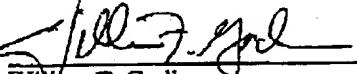
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